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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Zheng, et al.

Serial No.: 09/614,407

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For: Method of Application of
Electrical Biasing To
Enhance Metal Deposition

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Group Art Unit: 1753

Examiner: Brian L. Mutschler

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c), request consideration of the following amendments prior to the examination of the attached Request for Continued Prosecution of the above identified application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/ AMAT/4471.Y1/AOP, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this amendment timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.